

KDHE Registrar Receives ASTHO Swearingen Award

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials honored Lorne A. Phillips, Ph.D., with the 2005 Swearingen Award during the NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference July 14. The Noble J. Swearingen Award, named for a former Executive Director of ASTHO, is bestowed annually on one individual in public health administration who has 10 or more years of experience in a state health agency and five or more years in service to the ASTHO Management Committee or in some other capacity.

Phillips is the State Registrar and Director of the Center for Health and Environmental Statistics for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and a national leader in the field of vital and health statistics. He has been a leader in the automation of vital records systems and is a respected expert on health information privacy and security. He has served with distinction on the ASTHO Management Committee since 1998.



Lorne Phillips

His service to Kansas includes overseeing statewide programs related to alcohol and drug abuse, community health, health education and public health training, vital records and vital statistics, health care data acquisition, analysis and policy development and information resource management.

Phillips received his bachelor's degree in sociology from the Oklahoma Baptist University, his masters from Oklahoma State University, and his doctorate from Washington State University.

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is the national nonprofit organization representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the District of Columbia. ASTHO's members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy, and to assuring excellence in state-based public health practice.